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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2614

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Examiner: Brian P. Yenke

For: VIDEO APPLIANCE, HOLDING DEVICE, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF HOLDING DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004,
applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute
the claims of Group I (claims 1-17 and 21-28) in this application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction
requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-28 is
sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the
subject matter of the elected claims should encompass a thorough
and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected
claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and

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examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and improper duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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